

## EarthComm Earth System Evolution: Astronomy and Your Community Activity 7

### This investigation will help you to:

- Classifying Stars
- The Lives of Stars
- To learn more about the evolution of the Milky Way galaxy, visit the following web sites:
- To learn more about starburst knots in other galaxies, visit the following web sites:

#### Classifying Stars

- Stars, Goddard Space Flight Center- NASA  
Reviews the various variables that help classify stellar objects.

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#### The Lives of Stars

- Star Life Cycles  
Read another description of the life cycle of stars.
- New Hubble Image Shows Life Cycle of Stars, CNN  
This short article reports on an advancement in understanding star life cycles.
- A Star's Life, HubbleSite  
Catch a glimpse of the fascinating life cycle of stars. This movie requires a plug-in to be viewed.

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To learn more about the evolution of the Milky Way galaxy, visit the following web sites:

- How did galaxies form?, Origins Education Forum  
This discussion includes the formation of galaxies in general as well as the Milky Way.
- The Milky Way - Our Galaxy, University of California, San Diego Center for Astrophysics & Space Sciences  
This brief article on the origin of our galaxy also includes several images.

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To learn more about starburst knots in other galaxies, visit the following web sites:

- The Birth of Stars, Cornell University  
Page has information on how a star is born.
- Witness the Birth of a Star, NASA

Image of star birth.

- [Star Nurseries, Discovery Channel](#)

"A new star is born every year in our galaxy." Learn more about the origin of stars and galaxies. This page also features several Hubble images.

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